

November 14, 2011

Dear 5th Grade Parents/Guardians,

Our annual Outdoor Education experience will be held at the Lorado Taft Field Center located in Oregon, Illinois (approximately 2 hours from Holmes). We will leave school at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, December 5 and return to school by 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6. The attached Parent Letter provides more information about the Outdoor Education program at Lorado Taft. Also attached is a suggest packing list. Your child will need to dress for the weather, so you will want to check the weather forecast as the trip date approaches. If your child has not stayed overnight away from you before, you might want to have a 'practice' sleepover before your child goes on the Outdoor Ed field trip.

The cost of this field trip is \$65. There are several payment options. You can pay by check payable to District 97. You can also pay online. If you choose this option, please make sure you indicate that your payment is for the 5th grade Outdoor Education field trip. You can also pay in installments if that is more convenient. We don't want financial constraints to prevent any of our 5th graders from attending this field trip. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you are unable to pay the full amount at this time so that we can discuss options. Any contributions to the field trip scholarship fund are appreciated.

Each child attending the field trip must have a fully completed health form on file with Lorado Taft two weeks prior to our trip. Forms were distributed several weeks ago. If your child hasn't yet turned in a health form, please turn it in by Friday, November 18 at the latest.

We will need 4-5 men and 4-5 women to chaperone this trip. Chaperones will be responsible for supervising groups during the day, and will also sleep in the dorms with the students overnight. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you are interested in chaperoning this field trip.

Please complete the permission slip and return it to your child's homeroom teacher before November 22.

Outdoor Education Field Trip Permission Slip - Due November 22

I give my child _____ permission to attend the Outdoor Education program at Lorado Taft Field Center on December 5-6, 2011.

Payment of \$65 is (circle one): enclosed paid online will be paid in installments

A field trip scholarship fund contribution is enclosed _____

Notes (special diet, etc.): _____

Parent Signature: _____